

CLAIMS

1. A data processing system for controlling access of at  
5 least one user to stored data comprising:

means, responsive to a request from the user to access  
a set of the stored data, for authenticating the user;

10 means, responsive to successful authentication, for  
decrypting an encrypted data structure associated with the  
user, wherein the data structure comprises data associated  
with the set; and

15 means, responsive to successful decryption, for  
accessing the set.

2. A data processing system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the data associated with the set comprises data  
20 associated with the location of the set.

3. A data processing system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the set is encrypted and the data associated with  
the set comprises data associated with decryption of the  
25 set.

4. A data processing system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the set comprises all of the stored data.

5. A data processing system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the set comprises a portion of the stored data.

6. A data processing system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the user request is initiated by presentation of a  
token by the user.

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7. A data processing system as claimed in claim 6,  
wherein the token comprises means associated with the  
identity of the user.

15 8. A data processing system as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein the means associated with the identity of the user  
is derived from one or more biometric characteristics  
associated with the user.

20 9. A data processing system as claimed in claim 6,  
wherein the token comprises the means for decrypting.

10. A data processing system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the stored data is capable of access by more than  
25 one user, the system further comprises means for accessing  
a data structure comprising data associated with each user  
of the more than one users.

11. A method for controlling access of at least one user to stored data via a data processing system comprising the steps of:

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in response to a request from the user to access a set of the stored data, authenticating the user;

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in response to successful authentication, decrypting an encrypted data structure associated with the user, wherein the data structure comprises data associated with the set; and

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in response to successful decryption, accessing the set.

12. A computer program comprising program code means adapted to perform the steps of claim 11, when said program is run on a computer.

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